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SUBJECT Town of Sortavala

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1. Sortavala (N 61-42, E 30-41) is a comparatively small town of approximately 30,000 inhabitants; Russians, Karelians, Finns, and other nationalities live there, but certainly none of the original population is left.

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2. The town was not damaged much during the war and has a good appearance. The houses are clean and of the Finnish type. The main street, which is named Karelskaya, is paved with asphalt and is illuminated. There are a number of shops, nicely appointed with show windows. The post office is on this same street; it is a masonry building; source does not recall how many stories it has. The street crosses a bridge about 150 meters long, built of steel and concrete. The town has two movie theaters and a House of Culture, which is near the large bridge.

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3. [] the dormitory for students at the school of finance (Sortavalovskiy Finansovyy Tekhnikum). This is a five-story building with many rooms, each occupied by four or five persons. On the second floor is a large mess hall for the students; on the first floor is a club and library, both quite large. In the center of town most buildings are of masonry, though there are some frame structures. The school of finance is located on School Street or Student Street; it is a three-story masonry building. There are about 10 classrooms, all nicely equipped. The gymnasium is on the third floor.

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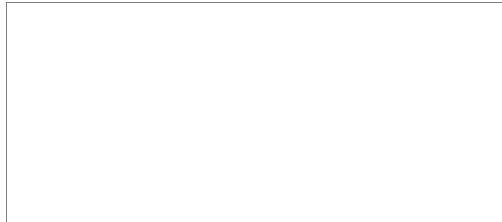
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4. Military personnel are often seen in town, particularly border guards, infantrymen, and naval infantrymen. Source does not know where the military barracks are located, as he had never seen any.
5. Source knows that a manufacturing plant, a furniture factory, and brewery are located there, but does not know their exact locations. The brewery probably is located near the bridge opposite the House of Culture.
6. There were no buses in Sortavala when source was there; he does not know if routes have since been established. There are no streetcars in Sortavala. In fact, there are no streetcar or trolley bus lines in the KFSSR.



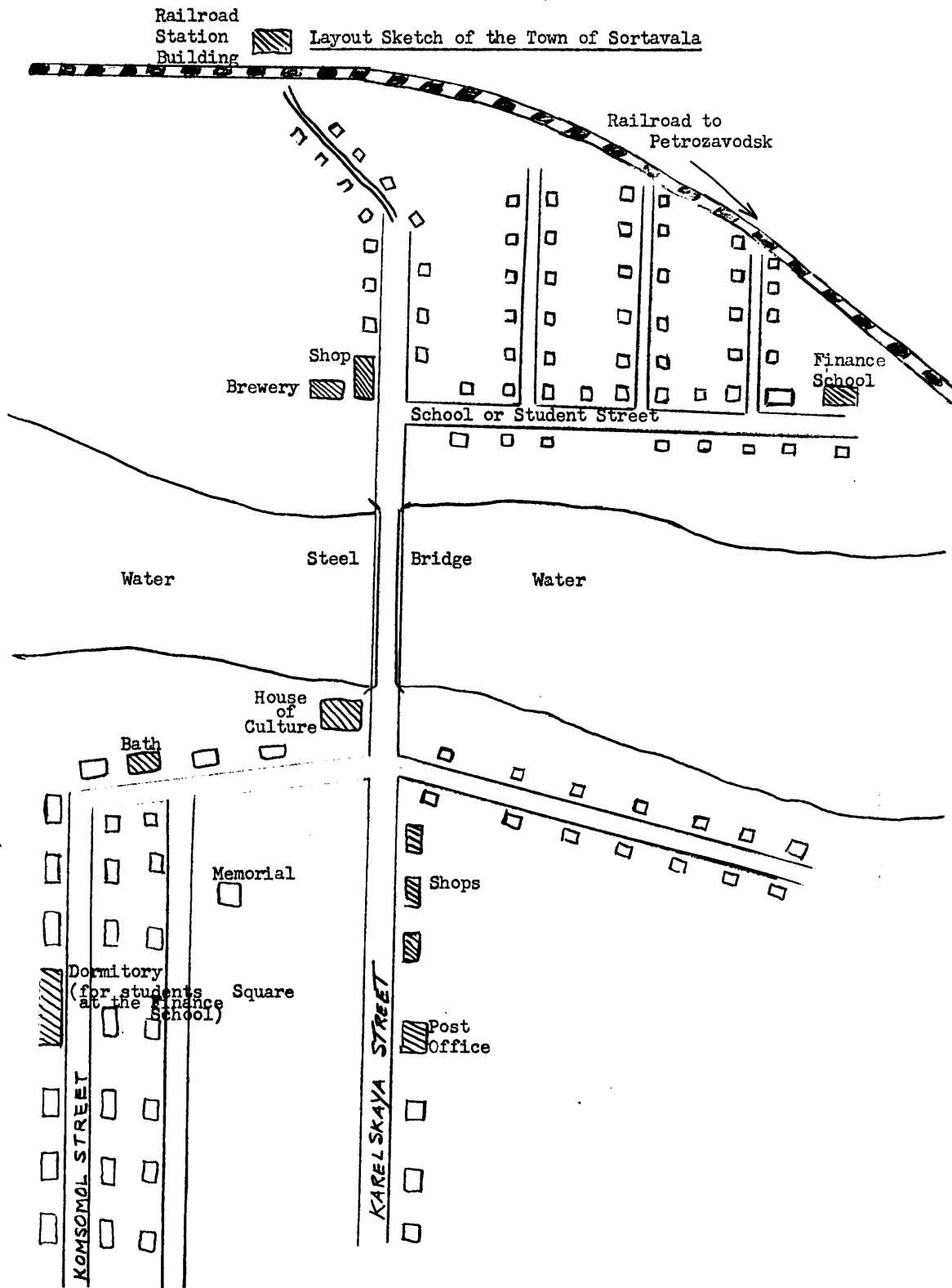
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